

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated July 30, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. Claims 1-3, 5-47, and 49-50 were examined. Claims 1, 5-6, 23, 28 and 47 were amended. Claims 4, 24, 27, 29, 48, 51 and 54-73 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added or the scope expanded. Claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-26, 28-47, and 49-50 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants have amended the claims previously indicated certain to contain allowable subject matter to place them in independent form. Claim 1 corresponds to former claim 4 in independent form, claim 23 to former claim 27, claim 28 to former claim 29 and claim 47 to former claim 51. Thus, all claims now pending include such subject matter previously indicated to be allowable.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207 3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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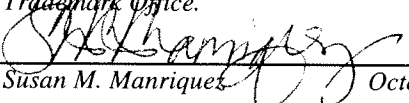


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